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TOWN OF MONSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18th, 2021 at 7:00 PM
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING, SELECTBOARD MEETING ROOM
110 MAIN STREET, MONSON**

Meeting Called to order at 7:03 pm

Board Members in attendance: Glenn Colburn, Martha Gilmore, Leslie Duthie, Davis Johnson

Board Clerk: Penny Gustafson

7:04pm - RFD 27 Palmer Road - Under consideration is a Request for a Determination of Applicability to determine if the work associated with the removal of the shed and associated fencing located at 27 Palmer Road property owner Getty Property Corp (Map 112 Parcel 90).

Advertise Palmer Journal August 12th, 2021.

There was discussion for the removal of the shed that included but was not limited to:

Leslie asked if they were going to put up waddles. Glenn said no, they are taking down the shed and the pad will remain in place.

Leslie stated that the shed debris needs to be removed is removed

Leslie motioned to issue a negative determination #2 – The work described in the Request is within an area subject to protection under the Act, but will not remove, fill, dredge, or alter the area. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent.

2nd by Davis - All on favor

7:09pm - NOI 27 Palmer Road – Under consideration is a Notice of Intent for demolishing of an existing gas station and construction of a new station with convenience store at located at 27

Palmer Road property owner Getty Property Corp. Proposed is located within 200ft Riverfront Area of Chicopee Brook at property 27 Palmer Road (Map 112 Parcel 90)

Advertise Palmer Journal August 12th, 2021.

There was discussion about the demolition / new construction of a gas station/convenience store that included but was not limited to:

- Change to new facility
- will have a canopy
- gas containment in the event of a spill
- Close in some of the curb cut outs
- New underground tanks
- Reduction on the impervious
- Will comply with storm water development
- Regrade the water catch basins, there may be overflow but is would be clean water
- The applicant will be moving to the Planning Board for site review
- Discussion about how the tanker trucks will maneuver in and out of the site
- Some of the bitter sweet will need be removed
- The applicant feels that redeveloping the site is the best option

Davis asked about the gas leak and how that will be handled. Joe explained that the storm water will have a filtered system.

Leslie asked about the vegetation and how that would be addressed. Joe stated that here is abundance of bitter sweet in the area that will be replaced with loam and seed. Leslie wants North East vegetation planted.

Glen asked where the emergency overflow is located. Joe said that is in the lower left corner.

Glenn asked where the roof runoff will go. Joe said that it will go into the infiltration system.

Leslie asked how many underground gas tanks are being installed. Tom said that there will be 2 double walled fiberglass tanks equipped with an alarm system that requires action to be taken within 72 hours.

Leslie asked how many pumps will be installed. Joe state that 4 pumps will be installed.

Glenn expressed concerns about the fence sitting on the ground and maybe inclined to ask for a 6in gap at the base of the fence to allow wildlife to move freely.

Glenn is in favor of the system but we must continue the hearing until we get DEP # and comments.

Leslie motioned to continue the discussion to September 8th meeting.

2nd by Marty - All in favor

7:37pm – NOI 31 King Ave – DEP 228-0417 Under consideration is a Notice of Intent for reconstruction and repair of on-site storm water and sedimentation and the implementation of routine operations, maintenance and inspection tasks at the site. All work is proposed within the Riverfront Resource Area both 100' and 200' at property 31 King Ave (Map 116 Parcel 022).

Advertise Palmer Journal August 12th, 2021.

There was discussion about reconstruction and repair of on-site storm water that included but was not limited to:

- There has been an improvement
- They have added swales
- The old trail has been abandoned
- There has been an increase in vegetation in the past 2 years
- Are asking for the order to be lifted and to continue with the project

Glenn stated that the unpermitted crossing needs to be blocked off. The hill has expanded over the years, emergency measures are need to correct:

Glenn asked if they needed the last platform on the hill because most people don't make that far. What would happen if the top of the hill approximately 50ft was eliminated? Would that help with the water run-off.

The Board and the Applicant reviewed the maps of the property.

Glenn wants to review the comments from Mark Stinson's (DEP) report.

Leslie said that she can see improvements to the site

Leslie agrees with Glenn that the Board needs to review Mark Stinsons (DEP) comments.

Leslie motioned to continue the meeting to September 8th, 2021

2nd by Marty – All in favor

Comments from the public:

Ingrid Statz requested to see the report from Mark Stinson at DEP. She also spoke about how the property has changed over the years.

8:05 pm - Informal Discussion Dam on route 32 - Rick Anderson the owner of the dam on Route 32 requested an informal discussion.

There was an informal discussion about dam on Route 32 that included but was not limited to:

- They are looking to potentially restore the Dam back to its original state.
- They are looking for guidance on what to do with it.

Glenn asked if there any concern about erosion downstream due to the increase velocity.

Tom Jenkins said that the velocity would increase over a larger surface area.

Leslie asked if they are planning to remove the Dam altogether.

Rick Anderson said that they don't want the cost.

Leslie spoke about the loss of animals, potential problem downstream, and erosion. Leslie wants to think about it further.

Tom Jenkins said that there are no real concerns and if there was a problem you could just close the gate.

DEP #228-399, 15 Waid Road, John Goodrich II. Request to modify electrical service to run underground.

The Board signed the Draft conservation restriction for Brouthers, 165 Reimers Road.

Minutes for 7/28/2021 were not approved the Board needed more time to review them.

The following bill schedules were signed:

Bill Schedule for Turley Publication \$246.00

Bill Schedule for Amazon \$43.40

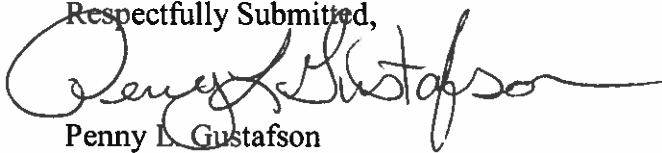
Bill Schedule for Turley Publication \$357.03 (encumbered)

Glenn motioned to adjourn the meeting

2nd by Leslie - All in Favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Penny L. Gustafson

Conservation Clerk

Approved on 09/08/2021